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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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7 JUN 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Members, DCI Security Committee

FROM:


Executive Secretary

SUBJECT:

Revision of National Intelligence
Release and Disclosure Policy

1. The Chairman has directed that your attention be drawn to an issue concerning a proposal by the Deputy Secretary of Defense to the Director of Central Intelligence to establish a National Disclosure Policy Committee under the NSC to develop a more uniform national release and disclosure policy.

2. The DCI supports the concept of having a uniform policy that would address the release of both classified U.S. information and foreign intelligence information while recognizing that these involve quite different factors and should be handled by separate committees. He has so informed Secretary Duncan. Copies of relevant correspondence are attached for your in-house use and consideration.

3. It is anticipated that the Security Committee can make positive contribution to such an exercise and it is requested that you be prepared to address this matter at the July meeting.

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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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24 MAY 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Deputy Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT : Revision of National Intelligence
Release and Disclosure Policy

1. I have received your memorandum of 15 May and the proposed draft letter to Dr. Brzezinski which would establish a working committee under the PRC to develop a national disclosure policy for both US military and intelligence information. I agree with you wholeheartedly that improvements in our disclosure policies and the mechanisms for their implementation are needed, and I would be glad to discuss the problem at a PRC meeting. (U)

2. I also support the concept of having a uniform policy that would address the release of both classified US information and foreign intelligence information but, at the same time, recognizes that these involve quite different factors and should be handled by separate committees. Among the considerations I would expect the study to focus on, when it is concerned with the disclosure of foreign intelligence information, would be the exercise of my authorities for the protection of the sources and methods associated with national intelligence programs, and intelligence arrangements with foreign governments. (U)

3. You will note a few suggested changes in the draft of your letter to Dr. Brzezinski. (U)

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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